BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-0138-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0409

MAY 4, 2000

IN RE:	Application of Nynex Long Distance DBA Bell Atlantic Business Services for Approval of Alternative Regulation of its Business)	ORDER APPROVING ALTERNATIVE REGULATION	
	Service Offerings.)		

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition of Nynex Long Distance Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic Business Services (Nynex or the Company) for approval of alternative regulation of its interexchange business services. The Company seeks a relaxed from of regulation of its business service offerings in keeping with the policy and procedures set out in Commission Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Nynex requests that its business services, consumer card, operator service, private line, and consumer network-type offering tariffs not be required to indicate maximum rates and that such tariffs be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filings shall not be suspended pending further Order of the Commission.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, a Notice of Filing was published in the Commission's subscription service. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed. Therefore, the matter is now ready for final disposition.

We approve the Petition as filed. Alternative regulation as described herein has worked well for other interexchange carriers, and we see no reason not to grant it for this one.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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